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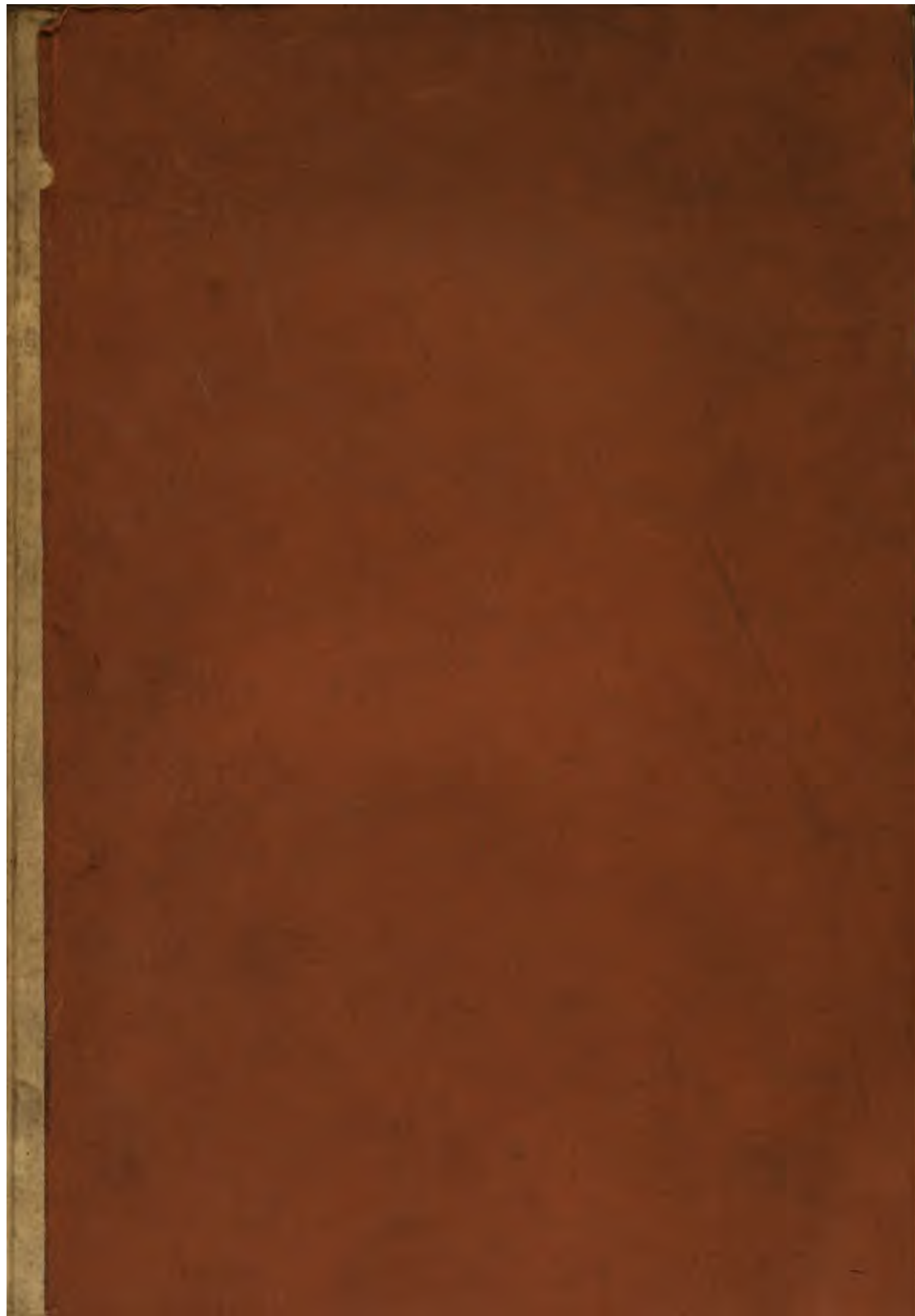
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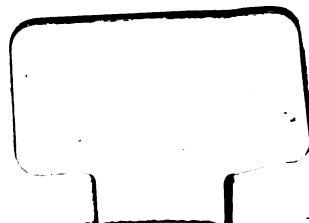
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AB . EXITV . S. PHILIPPI . BENITII

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DEO . VNI . TRINO . AETERNO
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IN . HONOREM
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IN . PATRIAM . REVERSVS

SINGVLARI . VISIONE

PRIMO . ET . VICESIMO . AETATIS . SVAE . ANNO

A . VIRGINE . BEATISSIMA . RECREATVR

NAM . AEDEM . FRATRVM . SERVORVM

QVAE . FLORENTIAE . EST

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INGRESSVS

DVM . ILLA . AD . ALIVM . PHILIPPVM

VERBA . LEGVNTVR

PHILIPPE . ACCEDE . ET . ADIVNGE . TE . AD . CVRRVM . ISTVM

VIDET . CAELI . DOMINAM . AVREO . IN . CVRRO

A . BEATIS . MENTIBVS . STIPARI

AB . OVE . ET . LEONE . TRAHI

VIDET . CAELESTE . DONVM . ATRI . COLORIS . VESTEM

SIBI . PORRIGI

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CVM . AB . EADEM . DOMINA . SERVOS . SVOS . ACCEDERE

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III.

A . BEATO . BONFILIO

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IN . MONTIS . SENARII . SPELAEVM

NOMINE . IPSIVS . HODIE . NOBILITATVM . ET . FONTE

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FRATRES . SVBIGENDIS . CHRISTO . POPVLIS

IN . SCYTHIAM . MITTIT

. IPSE . VERO

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SVVM . QVE . ORDINEM

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QVEM

SVVM . LIBRVM

APPELLAT

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IV.

FAMA . NOMINIS . SVI
FACTORVM . QVE . TAM . EFFVLGET
VT . IIS . PERMOTI
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BENITIVM . AD . CLAVVM . ECCLESIAE
VOCARE . COGITENT
AST . SIBI . OBLATA . PONTIFICIA . DIGNITATE
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APVD . TVNIATVM . MONTEM . DELITESCIT
VBI . BALNEIS
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SVIS . SANANDI . MORBOS . PRECIBVS
VIRTVTEM . IMPETRAT
DEMVM . VIGILIIS . IEIVNIIS . ET . LABORIBVS . FRACTVS
SE . E . VITAE . AERVMNIS . BREVI . EVOCANDVM . MONITVS
FLORENTIA . TVDERTVM . PETENS
PRIMO . OMNIVM . VIRGINIS . TEMPLVM . INGRESSVS
ET . ANTE . EIVS . ARAM . IN . GENVA . PROIECTVS
HAEC . REQVIES . MEA . INQVIT
MOX . VATEM . SIBI . FVISSE
IPSO . DOMINAE . NOSTRAE . SYDERIBVS . RECEPTAE . DIE
MORBVS
TVM . OCTAVO . AB . ILLO
MORS . OSTENDIT

V.

NVLLA . TABESCENS , LEVIORE . LABE
PECVLIARIBVS . PHILIPPVS . GRATIS
AB . ANGELIS . HONESTATVR
CVM . ENIM . *HOSTIAM* . *LAVDIS* . DEO . PRIMVM . LITAT
ANGELICO . DIGNA : ARTIFICIO
MODVLATIONE . INGEMINANS
TRISAGIVM . INSONAT . ALIGERVVM . CHORVS
ARETHI . QVVM . FAME . VLTIMA . SOCII . PREMVENTVR
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ITER . VESTIGANTEM
ANGELI . QVI . HABITV . CVLTV . QVE . CORPORIS
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SVMMVS . EIVS . CARITATIS . FERVOR . APPARET
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QVA . PAVPER . CONTECTVS
A . MORBO . LEPRAE . CONVALESCIT
PHILIPPVM . BENITIVM
MERITIS . ET . PRODIGIIS . INSIGNEM
CLEMENS . X . PONT . MAX.
CAELITVM . BEATORVM.
HONORIBVS . AVGET

ENGLISH VERSION.

INSCRIPTIONS
TO
SAINT PHILIP BENIZI,
(OF THE ORDER OF FRIARS-SERVANTS OF MARY)
ON THE OCCASION OF THE SIXTH CENTENARY
OF
HIS HOLY DEATH
COMPOSED IN THE LATIN
BY
COUNT VINCENT FERRERO. LL.D.
AND
TRANSLATED INTO ENGLISH
BY THE
REV. FR. JAS. HERBERT. O.S.M.

LONDON :
NOVEMBER, 1885.

FULL MANY THERE ARE WHO WILLINGLY DO BIND
THEMSELVES IN SERVITUDE, NOBLY LONG AND GREAT,
BUT NONE WHO BIND THEMSELVES MORE HONORABLY THUS
THAN THOSE WHOSE GLORY IS, THAT THEY ARE, TRULY,
AS THEY ARE NAMED,—“THE SERVANTS OF MARY.”

INSCRIPTIONS

I.

TO THE
ETERNAL ONE AND TRIUNE GOD,
ONLY AUTHOR OF ALL GOOD:
AND
IN HONOUR OF
SAINT PHILIP BENIZI,
THE SIXTH CENTENARY OF WHOSE GLORIOUS ENTRY
INTO HEAVEN
IS, NOW,—WITH MOST SOLEMN FESTIVITIES—
CELEBRATED IN
TRIDUUM.

II.

PHILIP,

OF THE NOBLE FAMILY OF BENIZI

WAS BORN IN FLORENCE, AUG. 15, 1233.

AS A YOUTH—AT THE UNIVERSITIES OF PARIS AND PADUA—

HE ACQUIRED FULL KNOWLEDGE OF THE NOBLE
SCIENCES OF MEDICINE AND LAW.

IN THE 21ST YEAR OF HIS AGE

HE RETURNED TO HIS NATIVE CITY, AND THERE

HIS PRIVILEGED SOUL BEHELD,

—IN GLORIOUS VISION—

THE

MOST BLESSED VIRGIN.

FOR,—ON ENTERING THE CHURCH OF THE FRIARS-

SERVANTS

OF MARY—CALLED THE “ANNUNZIATA”—HE

SAW THE QUEEN OF HEAVEN—IN A

GOLDEN CHARIOT—(DRAWN BY A

LAMB AND A LION) AND

SURROUNDED BY NUMBERS

OF ATTENDANT ANGELS

WHO

OFFERED HIM A BLACK HABIT

(AS A GIFT FROM HEAVEN) AND, AT

THE SAME TIME, HE HEARD ADDRESSED TO HIMSELF
THOSE WORDS WHICH WERE SPOKEN TO THE APOSTLE

ST. PHILIP;—

“*PHILIP, APPROACH, AND JOIN THYSELF TO THIS CHARIOT.*”

IN THE SAME NIGHT OUR BLESSED LADY AGAIN

APPEARED TO HIM, AND COMMANDED HIM TO

ENTER THE ORDER OF HER SERVANTS.

III.

PHILIP,

(HAVING BEEN RECEIVED INTO THE
ORDER OF THE FRIARS-SERVANTS OF MARY

BY THE BLESSED BUONFILIUS,—

AND, IN ORDER TO SERVE GOD MORE FREELY,) RETIRED
INTO A SOLITARY GROTTO ON MONTE SENARIO,—
NOW BECOME CELEBRATED BY HIS NAME, AND ALSO BY
A CRYSTAL SPRING WHICH IS SAID TO HAVE BEEN
ORIGINATED THERE BY HIS COPIOUS TEARS.

CONTRARY TO HIS HUMBLE WISHES—

HE WAS, SOON AFTERWARDS,

ELECTED

GENERAL OF THE ORDER OF FRIARS-SERVANTS OF MARY.

HE SENT HIS BRETHREN INTO SCYTHIA TO WIN SOULS
TO CHRIST; AND JOURNEYING NEARLY THROUGH
ALL EUROPE, HE HIMSELF ESTABLISHED
CONFRATERNITIES OF OUR LADY OF DOLOURS,
EVERYWHERE PROPAGATING HIS ORDER
BY THE BRILLIANT EXAMPLE OF
HIS VIRTUES.

HE ALSO VISITED MANY PARTS
OF ITALY, RECONCILING CONTENDING FACTIONS,
AND CONVERTING NUMBERLESS SINNERS TO
JESUS CHRIST

WHOSE CRUCIFIED IMAGE
HE ALWAYS TOUCHINGLY CALLED

"MY BOOK."

IV.

PHILIP,

WHOSE NAME AND FAME BECAME WIDESPREAD,
WAS SOON SOUGHT AFTER BY THE COLLEGE OF CARDINALS
(ASSEMBLED AT VITERBO), IN ORDER THAT THEY MIGHT
RAISE HIM TO THE DIGNITY OF THE SUPREME PONTIFICATE.

BUT,

HUMBLY JUDGING HIMSELF TO BE UNWORTHY
OF THIS CROWNING GLORY, HE SECRETLY FLED TO
THE SOLITUDE OF MONTAGNATA, WHERE, BY HIS PRAYERS,
A WONDERFULLY HEALING VIRTUE WAS COMMUNICATED
TO THOSE WARM SPRINGS WHICH ARE NOW
KNOWN THROUGHOUT THE WORLD AS
THE BATHS OF ST. PHILIP.

WORN OUT BY HIS RIGOROUS FASTS, AND VIGILS, AND
LABOURS; AND ALREADY FOREWARNED OF HIS APPROACHING
DEATH, HE REPAIRED TO TODI, AND ENTERING THE
CHURCH OF OUR BLESSED LADY, HE KNELT
BEFORE HER ALTAR, SAYING THESE WORDS,—

"THIS IS THE PLACE OF MY REST!"

ON THE FEAST OF OUR LADY'S ASSUMPTION, HE WAS
SEIZED BY A FATAL ILLNESS; AND, DYING ON
THE OCTAVE OF THE FEAST, PROVED
THE PROPHETIC NATURE OF HIS WORDS

V.

PHILIP,

(GUILELESS AND SINLESS,)

WAS SINGULARLY HONOURED BY THE ANGELS,
FOR, WHEN HE FIRST STOOD AT THE HOLY ALTAR
TO OFFER TO GOD THE ADORABLE "SACRIFICE OF PRAISE"
THE HOSTS OF HEAVEN'S ANGELIC CHOIRS WERE HEARD
TO SING—IN RAPTUROUS STRAINS—THEIR THRICE-REPEATED
"SANCTUS, SANCTUS, SANCTUS"!

WHEN THE FRIARS OF ARREZZO WERE REDUCED
TO ALMOST A STATE OF STARVATION, HE FOUND A
TABLE REPLENISHED WITH BREAD SUPPLIED BY
THE ANGELS.

AND, WHEN, (IN THE FORESTS OF GERMANY)
HE LOST HIS WAY, THE ANGELS—UNDER THE
FORM OF SHEPHERDS—BECAME HIS GUIDES,
AND FOUND HIM FOOD AND HOSPITALITY.
HIS GREAT CHARITY AND ITS EFFICACY MAY
BE SEEN THUS: ONE DAY HE GAVE HIS OWN
GARMENTS TO A POOR MAN WHO ASKED FOR ALMS;
AND, BY SIMPLE TOUCH OF THIS TUNIC, THE
RECIPIENT WAS CURED OF LEPROSY.

PHILIP BENIZI,
EMINENT IN SANCTITY,
WAS RAISED TO THE HONOURS OF THE SAINTS
BY
POPE CLEMENT X.

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